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**Simon Convenes Head of AID, Others, to Hill Tuesday  
In Probe of U.S. Efforts In Rwanda, Burundi**

J. Brian Atwood, administrator of the U.S. Agency for International Development, will outline the U.S. plan of action Tues., July 26th, to help alleviate the situation among the Rwandan Hutu refugees before the Senate Foreign Relations Subcommittee on African Affairs, chaired by Sen. Paul Simon, D-Ill. Atwood is just back from a tour of the refugee camps in Zaire.

Simon will review the U.S. response to the continuing humanitarian crisis in central Africa, focusing the subcommittee's attention on Rwanda and the spillover into Burundi, Zaire and Tanzania.

The hearing comes only days after the United States would add \$41.4 million to sums already pledged, bringing U.S. assistance to nearly \$200 million.

The new money will pay for 30,000 metric tons of grain, fresh water, medical kits, tents, plastic sheeting, high-protein biscuits and 20 million packets of salt to combat dehydration and diarrhea, Pentagon logistical support and a \$8 million grant to deal with abandoned or orphaned children.

In addition to providing relief supplies to Goma in eastern Zaire and to two relief camps in southwestern Zaire, Simon said Friday that the United States would also beef up a facility in Entebbe, Uganda, that has approximately 150,000 refugees, a camp in Tanzania that has 450,000, to handle large quantities of food and equipment for the entire impoverished area.

Simon, who spoke with the French ambassador Thursday, said the French confirmed 2,500 French troops deployed in Rwanda and neighboring Zaire on a humanitarian mission, urged America to launch a massive relief airlift, saying only the United States had the resources needed.

More than half a million Rwandans have been slaughtered since the assassination of Hutu President Juvenal Habyarimana on April 6. Some 5.3 million people out of a total population of 8.1 million people have been displaced, most to Zaire.

The hearing, slated for Tues., July 26th at 2 p.m. in room 419 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building in Washington, D.C., will feature Atwood; George Moose, Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs; Molly Williamson, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for the Middle East and Africa Division; Lt. Gen. Anthony Zinni, commanding general, Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, Calif.; Allison DesForges, Human Rights Watch/Africa; Roger Winter, U.S. Committee on Refugees and Dr. Alain Destexhe, secretary general, Doctors Without Borders.

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